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Applicant: Bannon, et al.
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For: METHODS AND REAGENTS FOR DECREASING CLINICAL REACTIONS TO ALLERGY

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An Oral Hearing is currently scheduled in the above-referenced case for tomorrow, January 10, 2005. The case includes rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and rejections over art, one of the art-based rejections being based on denial of a priority claim (the cited reference represents the inventors' own work). As noted in the Appeal Brief, this case is one of a family of cases, each of which contains virtually identical rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Some of the cases also contain a similar art rejection over the inventors' own work.

Two days ago (specifically, on Saturday, January 7, 2006), the undersigned received a Decision on Appeal in one of the related cases (specifically, in 09/455,294; the "Decision"). This Decision did not address the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112. However, it affirmed the priority claim denial, and therefore the art rejections. The Decision acknowledged, however, that an alternative, and proper ground for overcoming a prior art reference representing work of the inventors is through submission of a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131.

Given the issuance of the Decision, Appellant has recognized that an Oral Hearing would not be productive at this time. Prosecution could more productively be advanced by filing a Continuation application to first remove the relevant prior art rejections (through the filing of a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131), thereby reducing the issues on appeal. The undersigned apologizes for the late notice of this cancellation, necessitated by the unfortunate timing of the Decision.

Respectfully submitted,



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